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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 1-15-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have not addressed the rejection of claims 1-6, 11-41 and 46-50 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for the reasons of record set forth in the Official Action mailed 5-08-02. There are no amendments or arguments made of records that address this rejection. Additionally, Applicants have cancelled claim 5 and have not amended claim 6, which is dependent upon cancelled claim 5. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-308-8883. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, Thurs-Friday 9:00AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John LeGuyader can be reached on (703)-308-0447. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3014 for regular communications and 703-746-5143 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JLE". Below it is a stylized, cursive signature that reads "SEAN McGARRY" above the words "PRIMARY EXAMINER".